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4.—(a) Orders sanctioning the introduction of free and compulsory elementary education have issued in respect of the under-mentioned municipalities up to date:—

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| (1) Negapatam. | (5) Erode. |
| (2) Kumbakonam. | (6) Tiruppur. |
| (3) Vellore. | (7) Tellicherry; and |
| (4) Conjeeveram. | (8) Tinnevely. |

(b) Municipal Council of Masulipatam and the Chatrapur union.

(c) A list is furnished:—

Taluk Boards.

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| (1) Tiruvallur. | (20) Ongole. | (39) Lalgudi. |
| (2) Saidapet. | (21) Markapur. | (40) Perambalur. |
| (3) Chingleput. | (22) Kurnool. | (41) Chicacole. |
| (4) Mangalore. | (23) Koilkuntla. | (42) Madura. |
| (5) Kasaragod. | (24) Cuddalore. | (43) Rajahmundry. |
| (6) Karkal. | (25) Penugonda. | (44) Chirakkal. |
| (7) Udipi. | (26) Usilampatti. | (45) Kottayam. |
| (8) Coondapoor. | (27) Chittoor. | (46) Kurumbranad. |
| (9) Uppinangadi. | (28) Tindivanam. | (47) Palghat. |
| (10) Chatrapur. | (29) Dindigul. | (48) Ernad. |
| (11) Goomsur. | (30) Sattenapalle. | (49) Walavanad. |
| (12) Berhampur. | (31) Madanapalle. | (50) Ponnani. |
| (13) Anantapur. | (32) Vizagapatam. | (51) Peddapur. |
| (14) Dharmavaram. | (33) Pithapuram. | (52) Tinnevely. |
| (15) Nandyal. | (34) Coimbatore. | (53) Rayachoti. |
| (16) Tanjore. | (35) Dhone. | (54) Pattukkottai. |
| (17) Chidambaram. | (36) Melur. | (55) Narasapatnam. |
| (18) Vriddhachalam. | (37) Tirukkoyilur. | |
| (19) Guntur. | (38) Ramnad. | |

The District Board of the Nilgiris.

Municipalities.

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| (1) Chingleput. | (7) Vellore. | (13) Tellicherry. |
| (2) Conjeeveram. | (8) Saidapet. | (14) Ongole. |
| (3) Chicacole. | (9) Chittoor. | (15) Tinnevely. |
| (4) Coimbatore. | (10) Hindupur. | (16) Masulipatam. |
| * T (5) Kumbakonam. | (11) Erode. | † (17) Corporation of |
| * T (6) Negapatam. | (12) Tiruppur. | Madras. |

* The proposal of the Chicacole Municipal Council to levy the tax has been negated by Government.

† The levy of the tax by the Corporation of Madras has been ordered to be deferred.

Elections to the Bezwada municipality.

472 Q.—Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any and if so, how many Government Orders were issued by the Government notifying that elections should be held under the new Act in the Bezwada municipality; and on what dates the Government Orders were issued;

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(b) why, if such Government Orders were issued, they were not complied with; and whether the Government will place all the correspondence on the subject on the table;

(c) what the reason was for postponing the elections in Bezwada municipality for such a long time;

(d) whether the Municipal Council of Bezwada passed a resolution that another chairman should be appointed for the purpose of holding elections; if so, what action was taken by the Government on that resolution;

(e) whether the Chairman delegated his powers to Mr. M. Seshagiri Rao Nayudu to hold elections for III, IV and X wards;

(f) whether the said delegate Chairman opened the ballot boxes of X and IV wards and declared the results;

(g) whether the present Chairman opened the ballot box of the III ward and he was not a candidate for that ward;

(h) whether the Chairman made a reference to the Government about the validity of a certain number of votes recorded in the III ward and, if so, what their decision was;

(i) whether the Chairman before making reference to the Government counted all the votes recorded in the III ward without recording then and there on any of the ballot papers that they were invalid as the counting went on, as required by the rules;

(j) whether it is a fact that the new Council has not yet been constituted and the date of the election of the Chairman is not as yet notified; and

(k) whether the Government will be pleased to lay all the papers concerning it on the table?

A.—(a) The Government issued six Government Orders on the following dates:—22nd January 1921, 2nd March 1921, 30th April 1921, 4th August 1921, 24th January 1922 and 9th February 1922.

(b) & (c) The hon. Member's attention is invited to answer to question No. 1309-A at the meeting of the Legislative Council of the 18th February 1922. The Government do not consider that the laying of all the correspondence on the table will serve any useful purpose.

(d) The answer is in the affirmative; the Council was informed that as a chairman was available for conducting elections, the Government had no power to appoint a chairman for the purpose.

(e), (f) & (i) The Government have no information.

(g) The answer is in the affirmative; the Government understand that the Chairman stood as a candidate for the III ward, but that he subsequently withdrew his candidature.

(h) The answer is in the affirmative; the Chairman was directed to declare at once the results of the election for the ward with reference to the votes that he considered valid.

(j) & (k) The answer is in the affirmative; the new Council will elect its chairman as soon as it is reconstituted. The Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by placing the papers on the table.